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SUBJECT: CODEL MANSFIELD VISIT TO LAOS

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1. LAO FOREIGN MINISTRY REPLIED WITH UNPRECEDENTED SPEED WITHIN 24 HOURS BY AGREEING TO OUR REQUEST FOR TENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS FOR CODEL MANSFIELD WITH LAO LEADERS. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL KHAMTHAN RATANAVONG PHONED TO SAY THAT "A DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND A DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR" WOULD MEET WITH CODEL. SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE IN COLOMBO AS REPORTED REF A, KHAMTHAN EXPLAINED THAT IT WILL BE ACTING MINISTER, KHAMPHAY BOUPHA, WHO IS THE SENIOR RANKING DEPUTY MINISTER, WHO WILL RECEIVE CODEL. KHAMPHAY WAS FORMERLY LAO AMBASSADOR IN HANOI.

2. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR WOULD BE WILLING TO RECEIVE CODEL. IN CONVERSATION PREVIOUS DAY, HOWEVER, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAD MENTIONED NAMES OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT AND FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF WESTERN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS SOMBAT CHOUN-LAMANY, WHO, WE SUSPECT, ARE PERSONS LIKELY TO MEET CODEL.

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3. IN REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS PREVIOUS DAY, WE IN-

FORMED KHAMTHAN THAT CODEL TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BANGKOK AUGUST 16 AND LEAVE AUGUST 20 AND THAT WE DID NOT KNOW WHEN IT WOULD VISIT LAOS BUT PROBABLY WITHIN THAT PERIOD. WE ADDED THAT, FROM WHAT WE KNEW OF FLIGHT SCHEDULES TO VIENTIANE, CODEL WAS MOST LIKELY TO COME AUGUST 18 OR 19, BUT WE STRESSED THAT REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS WAS TENTATIVE UNTIL WE HEARD FROM CODEL.

4. IN PHONING US TODAY, KHAMTHAN ASKED WHETHER WE HAD RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF CODEL VISIT AND TIMING, AND WE REPLIED THAT WE HAD NOT BUT WOULD LET HIM KNOW AS SOON AS WE DID.

5. REQUEST CODEL INFORM US WHETHER TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS AND WHAT BEST LIKELY TIMING OF VISIT WOULD BE, IN LIGHT OF TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS DESCRIBED RAFS A AND C. CORCORAN

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